

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-06-30**

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Commission Meeting: June 30, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of June 22, 2015.

2. 2015 Intrastate Access Charge Reductions N2015.4.38 (Gary)

Docket N2014.4.38 is the 2015 FCC mandated Intrastate Access Charge Fourth Step Rate Reduction. The FCC, in its November 18, 2011 Transformation Order, ordered that Price Cap Carrier intrastate terminating access rates be reduced to bill-and-keep over 7 years and Rate-of-Return carriers reduce their intrastate terminating access charges to bill-and-keep over 9 years. The fourth annual reduction is to be effective July 1, 2015. The following entities have filed transitional intrastate terminating access revised tariffs for Commission approval: CenturyTel dba CenturyLink, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, Ronan Telephone Company, and Hot Springs Telephone Company. Probable Motion: Move to approve the intrastate terminating access tariffs filed in Docket No. N2014.4.38.

3. Out of state staff travel (Justin)

Request approval for Jeremiah Langston and Laura Farkas to travel to East Lansing, MI to attend the IPU Annual Regulatory Studies Program ("Camp NARUC") Intermediate Course, August 17-21, 2015. Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel request.

4. Bozeman Taxi T-15.16.PCN (Brenda)

Gary Vanderpan dba Bozeman Taxi filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity on March 25, 2015. The application was noticed to the public on April 7, 2015 and a protest was received. On April 24, 2015, the applicant submitted a waiver of § 69-12-323, MCA and requested that the application be placed on hold until further notice. On June 17, 2015 the applicant requested that his application be withdrawn and the docket closed. Probable Motion: Approve the applicant's request to withdraw and close the docket.

Class B - Passengers in rate regulated service between all points and places in Gallatin and Madison counties, Montana.

5. Mission Mountain Express LLC T-15.20.PCN (Nickie)

On April 17, 2015 Mission Mountain Express LLC, Missoula, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. That application was noticed to the public on May 6, 2015 and a protest was received.

Class B-Household goods between all points and places in Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula and Ravalli Counties, Montana.

The applicant and protestant have reached a negotiation and the protest has been withdrawn. Probable Motion: Approve the applicant's request for authority, as amended.

Class B-Household goods between all points and places in Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, and Missoula Counties, Montana.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2015.4.39 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative – 2015 ETC certification – Discuss/act on Blackfoot's motion for protective order requesting to conditionally protect certain FCC Form 481 information regarding 5-year build-out plans pending the outcome of litigation in district court regarding the same information from the 2014 ETC certification FCC Form 481. (6/30/15)
2. Follow up on the 6/23/15 Communications Director work session – Discuss/act on hiring a Communications Director. (6/30/15)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

6/30/15, 1:30 p.m. - PSC meeting with Northwest Power & Conservation Council members re: update on Council's 7th Power Plan (Bollinger Room)

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect

Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. CenturyTel of Montana N2015.4.39 (Gary)

On June 19, 2015 CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyLink filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2015.4.39 – In the Matter of the 2015 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. CenturyTel seeks to protect certain tribal customer information that must be filed as part of the FCC Form 481 (Line 920) with the Montana PSC by July 1, 2015.

2. Qwest N2015.4.39 (Gary)

On June 19, 2015 Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2015.4.39 – In the Matter of the 2015 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. Qwest seeks to protect certain outage information that must be filed as part of the FCC Form 481 (Line 220) with the Montana PSC by July 1, 2015.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2015.6.50 - Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider